

## **TITLE 16. MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Medical Board of California is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at Sheraton Suites, 701 A Street, San Diego, California, at 9:00 a.m., on November 4, 2005. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under contact person in this Notice, must be received by the Medical Board of California at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2005 or must be received by the Medical Board, Division of Licensing at the hearing. The Medical Board of California, Division of Licensing, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

### **Authority and Reference:**

Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 2018 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 2018, 2089, 2089.5, 2102 and 2103 of said Code, the Medical Board of California, Division of Licensing is considering changes to Division 13 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

### **INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

Existing law authorizes the Medical Board of California to determine whether an international medical school's resident course of instruction leading to an M.D. degree is equivalent to that required by law. The Medical Board of California's existing regulations specify the process for making that determination.

Existing regulations set forth the requirements for recognition of international medical schools. This proposal would specify that any recognition granted to an international medical school shall be prospective in nature and that education obtained at that school prior to the date of the site visit would not qualify toward licensure.

### **FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES**

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

N/A

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies:

N/A

Local Mandate:

N/A

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement:

N/A

Business Impact:

The board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Medical Board of California, Division of Licensing, has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have a significant impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Medical Board of California, Division of Licensing, is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

Effect on Small Business:

The Medical Board of California, Division of Licensing, has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. This regulatory amendment regards prospective recognition of international medical education programs.

Consideration of Alternatives:

The Medical Board of California must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by it or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

Initial Statement of Reasons and Information:

The Medical Board of California has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

Text of Proposal:

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Medical Board of California, Licensing Program at 1428 Howe Avenue, Suite 56, Sacramento, California 95825.

Availability and Location of the Final Statement of Reasons and Rulemaking File:

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below. You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

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Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.caldocinfo.ca.gov](http://www.caldocinfo.ca.gov).